

just about half as much as is spent in fees, mileage and expenses by the U. S. courts (not including salaries.) It might be fair to add to Uncle Sam's payments in the interest of public health the two and a half millions that is used to hire meat inspectors whose duty it is to keep the beef trust from feeding us trichinae, tapeworms and tuberculosis.

In addition to all the above there will be an expense of about \$260,000,000 for the postal department which is about cancelled by postal receipts and so isn't included in the taxes—altogether making about \$946,000,000 for the year.

The figures indicate that, with the taxes as they are, Uncle Sam will be about only \$20,000,000 short of breaking even on the year.

Taken for all in all we are, as Uncle Joe Cannon was fond of remarking, "a darn big country, my boy."

## A JURY THAT STARTED SOMETHING

That successful jury strike at St. Louis is but one of the signs of the times.

For years and years juries have permitted judges to usurp their powers and to decide cases from the bench, taking the case from the jury.

The rights of many have time and again been deliberately usurped. The usurpers had the gall to usurp, and the people let them get away with.

One reason for this is that too often the people don't know what their rights are. When they find out, they insist on them.

And they are gradually finding out.

Probably one man on the jury is responsible for the strike. He suggested to the others that they, not the judge, were the jury.

Then it dawned on their sleeping intellects. "Why, so we are." And then they were. They declared their independence of the

judge—and got away with it.

There will be more of the same thing. Other men know it now. And other men will tell other judges to mind their own business.

Men are so used to being ordered by a boss that obedience has become a habit.

The king issues orders to the general. The general obeys. The general issues orders on down the line and the soldiers who carry the guns obey.

Yet there may be a million soldiers and but the one king.

Some day they may wake up and find that no crowned king rules by divine right, and that the people of any country are the country.

Then they will refuse to obey the king. That means the tables will be turned, and the king will obey the people—

Not his people—but the people.

About that time there wont be any wars.